REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 19-21, 23, 25-30, 33, 37, 39-50, 51-98 currently stand in the application. Claims 1, 19, 39, 51, 57, 63, 69, 78, 83, 88, 93 are in independent form.

On June 4, 2010, Applicant submitted a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 4, 2010. As of July 2, 2010, the June 4, 2010 Response had not been considered by the Examiner. To ensure that the new claims 51-98 are entered and to expedite allowance of all pending claims, Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination and re-submits the amendments and remarks of the June 4, 2010 Response. Applicant further submits a one-month extension of time fee to extend the deadline to respond to the May 4, 2010 Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment.

This Request for Continued Examination replaces the Response filed June 4, 2010, and responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed to the Applicant on May 4, 2010 in which the Examiner indentified that claim 1 in the amendments filed on February 8, 2010 and February 10, 2010 did not comprise the feature of a "memory controller" present in the amendment filed on September 10, 2009. Accordingly, in this amendment, Applicant has corrected claim 1 to include the "memory controller" identified by the Examiner that was present in the amendment filed on September 10, 2009.

Applicant has additionally herein corrected minor typographical and antecedent basis errors, and clarified minor wording errors present in the amendments filed on February 8, 2010 and February 10, 2010. Applicant has also verified proper claim status identifiers (e.g., new, currently amended, previously presented, etc.) and verified appropriate strikethrough and underline relative to the amendment filed on September 10, 2009. Accordingly, this amendment replaces the amendments filed on February 8, 2010 and February 10, 2010. Applicant asserts that all claims presented herein remain allowable.

In the Office Action mailed December 8, 2009, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 19-21, 23, 25-30, 33, 37, 39-50 were allowable but objected

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to certain claims for informalities related to lack of proper antecedent basis. Applicant herein amends the claims to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner. Applicant has further amended independent claims 1, 19, and 39 and various dependent claims to add further clarity.

Applicant has further added new claims 51-93, of which 51, 57, 63, 69, 78, 83, 88, 93 are in independent form. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter and allow claims 51-93 based on their proximity to allowable claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 19-21, 23, 25-30, 33, 37, 39-50.

For example, claim 51 is a method claim analogous to claims 1 and 57. Claim 51 recites inter alia:

". . . upon disconnecting the portable wireless communication device from the computing device not enabling the computing device wireless Internet access through the wireless communication component of the portable wireless communication device ..."

Support for "disconnecting the portable wireless communication device" can be found for example in paragraphs [51], [63], [64], [65], [83], [88], [99], [127] of the as-filed specification.

Claim 57 is analogous to claim 51 with similar elements.

Claim 63 recites inter alia "... intercepting a disconnection signal of the wireless communication device at the computing device and in response to intercepting the disconnection signal not enabling the computing device wireless internet access." Support for "intercepting a disconnection" can be found for example in paragraph [51] of the as-filed specification.

Claim 69 is analogous to claim 1 but adds at least an additional element such as "... upon disconnection of the portable wireless communication device from the computing device not providing the computing device the protected data for wireless Internet access through the wireless communication component of the portable wireless communication device..."

Support for the above can be found for example in paragraphs [51], [63], [64], [65], [83], [88], [99], and [127] of the as-filed specification.

New claims 78, 83, 88, and 93 are analogous to claim 1 except that they do not recite a wireless communication component and wireless Internet access. However, claims 78, 83, 88, 93 recite inter alia enabling a "phone calling" software. Support for phone calling can be found for example in Paragraph [127] of the as-filed specification.

Claim 78 further recites private memory, for example "... a memory circuit storing phone calling software, the memory circuit including a private memory area storing protected data, the private memory area not being viewable or accessible by a user." This element is analogous to claim 1 for example.

In addition claim 78 recites inter alia:

"... a memory controller having a processor that is executable to: manage communication between the memory circuit and the USB interface, and

facilitate an autorun operation for automatically launching and executing on the computing device at least the phone calling software component upon connecting the USB interface to the computing device, the autorun operation includes accessing protected data in the private area of the memory circuit..."

Support for a memory controller and its functionalities can be found for example in paragraphs [46], [47], [48], and FIGS. 1-5 of the as-filed specification. In addition to the above, claim 78 recites:

"... whereby the portable communication device is operable to launch and execute at least the phone calling software component automatically upon connection of the portable communication device to the computing device to enable phone calling function at the computing device that includes accessing protected data from the private memory area of the portable communication device, and

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upon disconnection of the portable communication device from the computing device automatically not enabling phone calling function at the computing device..."

"[T]o launch and execute at least the phone calling software component automatically upon connection of the portable communication device" are analogous to the element recited by claim 1 and is supported at least in paragraphs [0034] and [0088] of the as-filed specification. Support for "disconnection of the portable communication device" can be found for example in paragraphs [0051], [0063], [0064], [0065], [0083], [0088], [0099], and [0127] of the as-filed specification.

Claim 83, 88, and 93 are analogous to claim 78 with similar elements.

Applicant accordingly further asserts that new claims 51-98 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (360) 750-9931 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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